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Mr. Mark Sather
Environmental Scientist USEPA Region 6

Through: Ms. Frances Verhalen
Air Quality Analysis Section Chief USEPA Region 6
1445 Ross Avenue, Suite 1200
Dallas, Texas 75202-2733

RE: Request to Alter PAMS Monitoring

Dear Mr. Sather:

With the promulgation of the new ozone regulations that were announced last year, Louisiana was no longer required to continue its long standing Photochemical Assessment Monitoring Sites (PAMS) monitoring program. With the recognition of the valuable data that is collected at both our Capitol and Dutchtown sites, it is our intention to continue PAMS efforts at both sites. Capitol provides data for our historically highest site while Dutchtown provides important information regarding both industrial and mobile sources.

LDEQ requests to discontinue PAMS monitoring effective May 1, 2016, at the Pride and Bayou Plaquemine sites. Pride site was designated as our upwind site with Bayou Plaquemine being a downwind site showing little activity. Stakeholders and data users are supportive with this discontinuance that will allow us greater flexibility to address additional concerns.

If you have any questions or need additional information please contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Robert E. Bailey".

Robert E. Bailey, Manager
Assessment Division

c: Ms. Ellen Belk, EPA: 6PD-Q